



City of Rockville Ethics Commission

Minutes

Diamondback Terrapin Conference Room

Meeting No. 17-07

Wednesday, July 19, 2017 at 6:30 PM

Commissioners Present: Eugen Thirolf, Kris Dighe, Jaime Espinosa, Rosanne Hurwitz, Kevin Jenkins

City Staff : Eliot Schaefer, John Brown

- I. Convene
Meeting convened.
- II. Approval of Agenda
Motion to approve the agenda was made by Commissioner Hurwitz, seconded by Commissioner Dighe, and passed unanimously (5-0).
- III. Election of Chairperson
Commission Dighe nominated Gene Thirolf to serve as Chairperson for FY18. The nomination was seconded by Commissioner Hurwitz. Mr. Thirolf accepted the nomination. No other individuals were nominated. The Commission unanimously (5-0) elected Mr. Thirolf to serve as Chairperson.
- IV. Approval of Minutes
June 21, 2017 – Motion to approve minutes from the June 21, 2017 meeting was made by Commissioner Dighe, seconded by Commissioner Jenkins, and passed unanimously (5-0).
- V. Discussion on Ethics Training
City Staff provided information to the Commission on the Ethics Training course that was given at the Maryland Municipal League Summer Conference. Mr. Brown provided the Commission with information on his communications with vendors that can provide online ethics training programs. The Commission discussed various issues associated with online and in-person training. The Commission requested that City Staff discuss options and a potential budget expansion with the City Manager.
- VI. Update on Status of Proposed Ethics Ordinance Amendments
City Staff provided an update on a potential timeframe in which the Mayor and Council would consider the Commission's recommended amendments to the Ethics Ordinance. City Staff informed the Commission of comments provided

by Councilmember Pierzchala regarding the recommended amendments to the Ethics Ordinance.

VII. Old/New Business

- Commissioner Espinosa raised the issue of a Commissioner serving on a local Civic Association. The Commission determined that a request for an advisory opinion should be filed for a formal answer.
- The Commission's next meeting is set for: Wednesday, August 23, 2017.

VIII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Dighe, seconded by Commissioner Hurwitz, and passed unanimously (5-0).